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Dear Bill:

We have received an Official Action in the aboveidentified Colombian application in which the Colombian Patent Office indicates that claims 17, 18 and 19 should be withdrawn since they pertain to a product per se, products of such not being patentable in Colombia.

The ruling of the Patent Office in this respect can be contested and we would like to have your instructions in what further course of action you want taken in this application.

Very truly yours,

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